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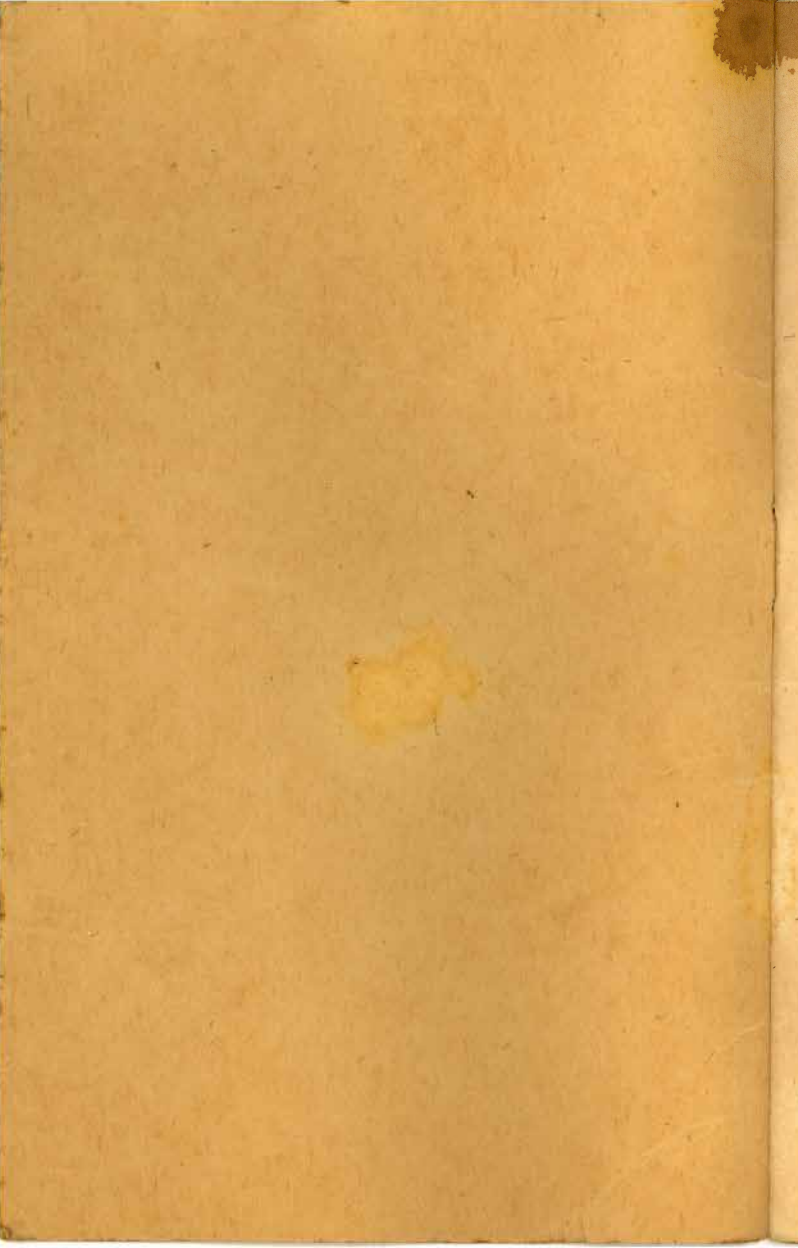
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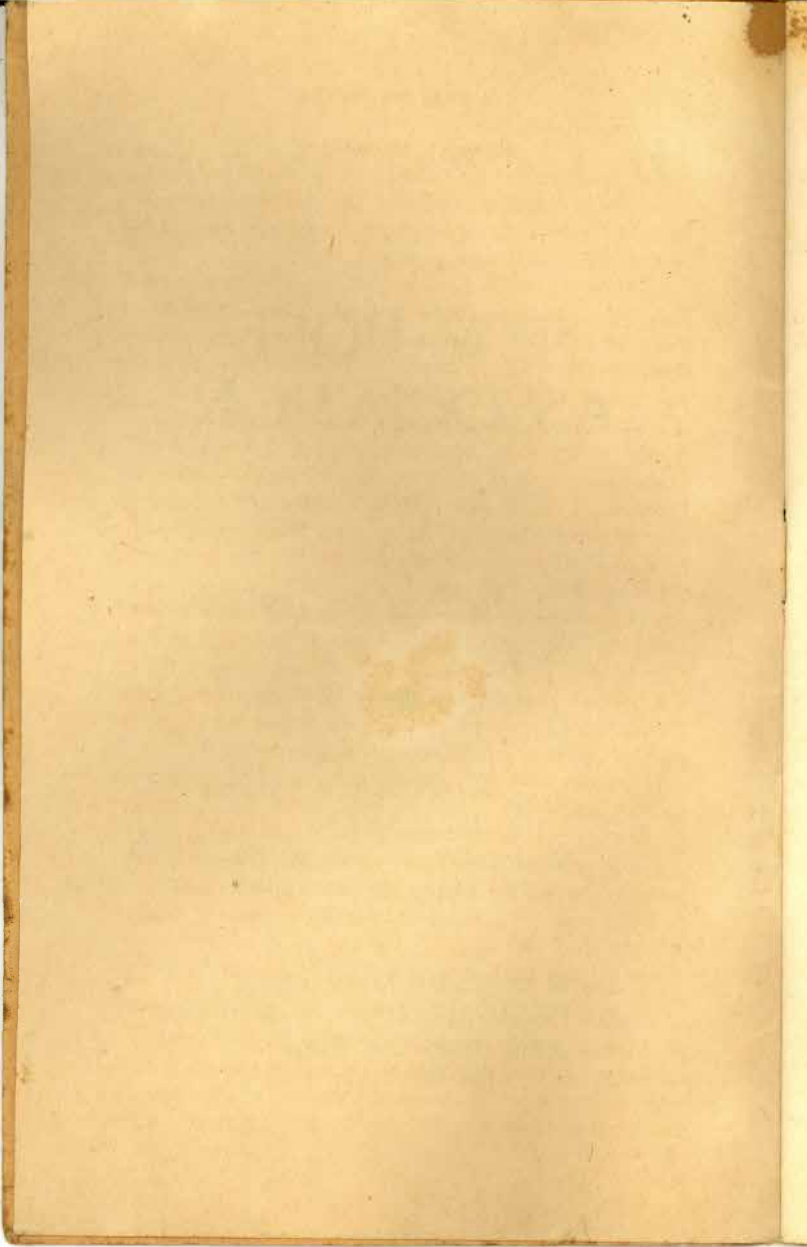
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FRIDAY MORNING

Convened on Friday before the 4th Saturday in August—on 27-28, 1943, and met the delegates from the several churches composing the New Hope Association at the stand and singing Zion's songs.

1. Elder Alex Stephens introduced the services and Elder T. J. Smith offered prayer. Then came Elder Paris Music and preached the introductory sermon from the 4th chapter of the book of Timothy and the 2nd verse: "Preach the word."

2. Then the delegates convened at the church-house for business, singing a song, and Elder B. W. Craft made a short exhortation and prayer offered by Elder A. J. Stephens. Then the Rules of Decorum were read by the clerk, Elder Alex Stephens, and the presiding Moderator, Elder B. W. Craft, advised a strict compliance to same.

3. Appointed by Moderator to see that order be kept while the Association is in session, to wit: Bill Tipton, high sheriff, and deputies of Montgomery county.

4. Moved and seconded Bros. A. J. Stephens, Elzie Porter were appointed to see that the stand be occupied by ministers of our faith and order.

5. Moved to seat transient ministers to sit with us in our advisory council, to-wit: Elder J. J. Prater, Elder Clarence Adkins and Elder T. J. Smith.

6. Letters and messengers called for, read and messengers seated as New Hope Association, and as a meeting was held at the Little Dove Church, Dwale, Ky., on Jan. 30, 1943 for the purposes which are set forth at this time and place, as follows:

Dwale, Ky., Jan. 30, 1943

We, the representatives of the New Hope Association of United Baptists, pursuant to and at the suggestion and appointment of delegates chosen by the various churches to meet with the Little Dove Church, Dwale,

Floyd county, Ky., met for the purpose of the consideration of the advisability of accepting the different churches which had been excluded from New Hope Association. After much discussion it unanimously agreed to accept said churches in full fellowship, and we pray the New Hope Association will also accept them when it convenes with the Little Ella Church, Montgomery county, Ky., in August, 1943.

Signed:

ELDER B. W. CRAFT, Moderator
ELDER W. M. McKENZIE, Clerk

Prestonsburg Church—Elder A. J. Stephens, Bro. Johnnie Shepherd were delegates.

East Point Church—Elder Paris Music, Elder J. D. Music, Bro. Hi Shepherd were delegates.

Chestnut Grove Church—Bro. Milt Holbrook was delegate.

Little Union Church—Elder Ernest Ward, Bro. Everett Daniels, Bro. W. C. Ratliff were delegates.

Little Rock Church—Bro. T. R. Prater was delegate.

New Hope Church—Elder B. W. Craft, Elder Wm. Hall, Elder Alex Stephens were delegates.

Little Dove Church—Elder Ira Fields, Bro. Elige Porter, Bro. William Shepherd were delegates.

Little Ella Church—Elder Frank McGuire, Bro. Wadford Tabor, Bro. Sammie McGuire were delegates.

New Life Church—Elder S. G. Rice, Bro. Dave Conn were delegates.

Clear Creek Church—Bro. Jack Moore, Bro. Duran Hall, Bro. J. K. Smith were delegates.

Cynthia Ann Church—Elder Johnnie King was delegate.

Moved and seconded above-named churches and delegates are New Hope Association.

7. Called for new churches and received Easter Church. Elder F. F. Smith, Elder Ollie Walters, Bro.

Sam Walters were delegates which were received and seated.

8. Be it known that Little Dove Church, Dwale, Floyd county, Ky., change its meeting time to the 3rd Saturday in each month.

9. By voice of the delegates composing New Hope Association, Elder B. W. Craft was elected Moderator and Elder Alex Stephens and Bro. W. C. Ratliff were chosen clerk and assistant clerk for the ensuing year.

10. Called for correspondent letters and messengers from the correspondent associations and received as follows:

Paint Union—by the hands of Elder J. H. Montgomery. Letter read and received and messenger seated by the Moderator giving him the right hand of fellowship.

Iron Hill—by the hands of Elder Sandy Phillips, Elder Paul Turner, Elder Lonie Merry. Letter read and received and messengers seated by Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

Zion—by the hands of Elder Leonard Arrowood and Elder Leonard Walters. Letter read and received and messengers seated by Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

Mt. Zion—by the hands of Elder Henry Likens, Elder A. L. Craft. Letter read and received and messengers seated by Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

Bethlehem—No letter, no messenger.

Blaine Union—received letter by mail, no messenger.

Moved to send messengers and letters to the above-named correspondent associations and appointed brothers to write same.

To Paint Union—Elder F. F. Smith.

To Iron Hill—Bro. T. R. Prater.

To Zion—Elder Ira Fields.

To Mt. Zion—Elder Frank McGuire.

To Bethlehem—Elder Ollie Walters.

To Blaine Union—Elder J. D. Music.

11. Committee on Bill of Arrangements for tomorrow, it being Saturday, to-wit: Elder Frank McGuire, Elder F. F. Smith and Elder Wm. Hall, together with the moderator and clerk.

12. Moved to adjourn until tomorrow, it being Saturday, at 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 A. M., Aug. 28, 1943

1. As usual the delegates met at the churchhouse composing New Hope Association, and singing Zion's songs, and the exhortation was made by Elder Johnie King and prayer was offered by Elder Sandy Phillips.

2. Roll call by Bro. Clerk, Elder Alex Stephens. A quorum present.

3. Bill of Arrangements read and received and committee discharged.

4. Correspondent letters called for, read and received and messengers appointed to bear same, to wit:

To Paint Union—Elder B. W. Craft, Elder S. G. Rice, Elder Alex Stephens when convened with Little Paint Church, Johnson county, Ky., to commence on Friday before the 3rd Saturday in September, 1943, and the two following days.

Iron Hill—Elder F. F. Smith, Elder Frank McGuire and Bro. Bill Shepherd, when convened with New Salem Church at Olive Hill, Carter county, Ky., to commence on Friday before the 2nd Saturday in September, 1943, and the two following days.

To Zion—Elder B. W. Craft, Elder S. G. Rice and Elder Johnie King, when convened with Little Ethel Church, Lawrence county, Ky., to commence on Friday before the 2nd Saturday in September, 1943, and the two following days.

To Mount Zion—Elder Frank McGuire, Elder Ollie Walters and Bro. Woodford Tabor, when convened with Big Half Mountain Church, Magoffin county, Ky., to commence on Friday before the 1st Saturday in September, 1943, and the two following days.

To Blaine Union—Elder Ernest Ward, Bro. Elige Porter and Elder A. J. Stephens when convened with Beech Grove Church, Johnson county, Ky., to commence on Friday before the 4th Saturday in September, 1943, and the two following days.

To Bethlehem—Elder Ira Fields, Bro. Wm. Shepherd and Bro. Hie Shepherd, when convened with Salem Church, Filtner county, W. Va., to commence on Friday before the 1st Saturday in September 1943, and the two following days.

Appointed by order of New Hope Association, to-wit: Elder Wm. Hall, Elder A. J. Stephens and Elder Alex Stephens, to meet at Sugar Loaf Church, Floyd county, Ky., on 3rd Saturday in November, 1943, to letter out brothers and sisters from said church to other churches of our faith and order.

5. Our next union meeting will be held with Easter Church, Jeffersonville, Montgomery county, Ky., to commence on Friday before the 2nd Saturday in July, 1944, and the two following days, and Elder Johnie King, Elder Alex Stephens and Elder Ernest Ward shall attend it.

6. Our next conference meeting will be held with Clear Creek Church, Clear Creek, Floyd county, Ky., to convene on Friday before the 4th Saturday in June, 1944, and the two following days, and Elder B. W. Craft, Elder Johnie King and Elder Alex Stephens shall attend it.

7. Report of our last conference meeting held with New Hope Church, Water Gap, Ky., on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1943, that New Hope

Church, Water Gap, Floyd county, Ky., should have our next association to begin on Friday before the 4th Saturday in August, 1944, and two following days.

8. By voice of delegates, Elder Johnie King will preach the introductory sermon at our next association and Elder Alex Stephens his alternate.

9. Treasurer Elder Alex Stephens reported on hands:
 Left over from last year.....\$ 9.04
 Contributions received now.....\$51.50

Total \$60.54

10. Moved and seconded to use the amount it takes to mail church letters to brothers and sisters from Sugar Leaf Church to various localities.

11. Moved and seconded to have 700 copies of minutes of present association printed and Elder Alex Stephens, clerk, supervise the printing and distribution of same to the several churches.

12. By voice of the delegates for preaching tomorrow, it being Sunday, Elder A. L. Craft introduce, Elder Wm. Hall, preach, Elder Alex Stephens, preach, Elder B. W. Craft preach and close.

13. Tendering of thanks to Little Ella Church and the vicinity at large for their good kindness and courtesy shown New Hope Association and the high Sheriff and deputies for the good order while we were in session 14. A short exhortation by Elder B. W. Craft, Moderator, and prayer by Elder A. J. Stephens, with a warm handshake and a heart full of love one for another until we meet again.

This done and signed by order of New Hope Association.

ELDER B. W. CRAFT, Moderator
 ELDER FRANK McGUIRE, Assistant
 ELDER ALEX STEPHENS, Clerk
 BRO. W. C. RATLIFF, Assistant

SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST 29, 1943

At 9 a.m., a large crowd and delegates met at the stand as usual to hear the preaching and singing Zion's songs as the Apostle Paul said in the spirit and understanding. Then came Elder A. L. Craft and introduced the services. Then came Elder Wm. Hall and preached from chapter verse text: "They that are whole need not physicians, but they that are sick." Then came Elder Alex Stephens and preached from 22nd chapter of Genesis and 17th verse. Then Elder B. W. Craft preached and closed the 24th session of New Hope Association. Oh, how wonderful the children of the King were blessed. We hope the bread that was cast upon the waters may be gathered up not many days hence.

OBITUARIES**ALEX BINGHAM**

Son of Sol Bingham and Julia Bingham, born May 30, 1912, deceased Sept. 16, 1942, aged 30 years, three months and 14 days. Married to Thelma J. Bailey Dec. 15, 1934. He lived a quiet life and was loved by all who knew him. He had lived to have a nice humble home. Leaves a dear companion to mourn his loss, together with mother, three brothers and three sisters. He delighted in Mother's church—the United Baptist. Written by sister

DARCUS RATLIFF**OBITUARY****STEVE RICHARDSON**

A short sketch of our dear old father and husband, Steve Richardson.

A loved one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is stilled;
A vacant chair in our home
That never can be filled.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF NEW HOPE ASSOC

NAMES OF CHURCHES	DELEGATES
Prestonsburg	Elder A. J. Stephens, Bro. Johnie Shepherd. Elder Paris Music, Elder J. D. Music,
East Point	Bro. Hi Shepherd.....
Chestnut Grove..	Bro. Milt Holbrock
Little Union.....	Elder Ernest Ward, Bro. Everett Daniels,
Little Rock.....	Bro. W. C. Ratliff.....
New Hope	Bro. T. R. Prater
Little Dove	Elder B. W. Craft, Elder Wm. Hall,
Little Ella	Elder Alex Stephens
New Life	Elder Ira Fields, Bro. W. M. Shepherd
Cynthia Ann	Bro. Elige Porter
Clear Creek	Elder Frank McGuire, Bro. Sammie McGuire,
Easter	Bro. Woodford Tabor
	Elder S. G. Rice, Bro. Dave Conn
	Elder Johnie King
	Bro. Duran Hall, Bro. Jack Moore,
	Bro. J. K. Smith
	Elder F. F. Smith, Elder Ollie Walters,
	Bro. Sam Walters

Totals.....

ATION OF UNITED BAPTISTS, 1943

	Baptized	By Letter	Recommended	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Total	Meeting Time	Feet Washing Time
....	1					4		112	4th Sat.	4th Sun. July
....	1					1		38	2nd Sat.	2nd Sun. Aug.
....						5		117	4th Sat.	4th Sun. June
....		3			5			24	1st Sat.	1st Sun. July
....	1					1		67	2nd Sat.	2nd Sun.
....	2	1			1	2		56	1st Sat.	1st Sun. Aug.
....			1			1		31	3rd Sat.	3rd Sun. June
....	9	4			14	2		35	3rd Sat.	3rd Sat. July
....								79	2nd Sat.	2nd Sun. Aug.
....						1	1	30	3rd Sat.	3rd Sun. July
....			1			2		34	4th Sat.	4th Sun. June
....	1	14						15	2nd Sat.	2nd Sun. July
...	15	22	2		20	11	9	638		

He was born Oct. 14, 1858, aged 85 years, three months and 16 days. Joined the United Baptist Church Aug. 2, 1918, and remained till death.

Written by his family and friends.

OBITUARY

AGNES CALHOUN

With a sad heart we try to write a sketch of our dear mother, Agnes Calhoun, born Aug. 6, 1880, deceased Aug. 9, 1943. She was 63 years and three days old. She joined the church several years ago and lived a faithful Christian life. Dear daddy Bill Calhoun and sister Josie Calhoun preceded her in death. She leaves in this world to mourn a mother's loss five children and we know if we see mother again we will have to go to heaven where mother is.

Written by

HER CHILDREN

OBITUARY

PHEBA MARRS

It is with a sad heart that I attempt to write a short sketch of the life of my dear sister, Pheba Marrs. She was the daughter of John and Malinda Damron. She was born March 1, 1871, died May 8, 1943, aged 72 years, two months and seven days. She was married to John Marrs Jan. 3, 1894. To this union were born three children, two girls and one boy. She joined the United Baptist Church and was baptized Sunday, Sept. 1, 1926, by Elders S. G. Rice and John King. She lived a true Christian life till death and was loved by all who knew her.

She leaves a lonesome husband, three children, two step-daughters, three sisters and seven brothers to mourn her loss. A host of relatives and friends who miss her so much. Husband, your wife, children, your mother is gone not to return to you, but you can go to her if you repent and serve the Lord. Sister is not

dead but sleeping until the Lord will awake her in the resurrection; then she will be well again and live on and on.

Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, saith the Spirit; they rest from their labors and their works do follow them.

I feel some sweet day at God's call I will meet her again where parting will be no more. Written by her dear sister in the flesh and spirit.

SARAH REYNOLDS

OBITUARY

DEE PUCKETT

With a sad heart we try to write a short sketch of the life of our dear son and husband, Dee Puckett. He was born Feb. 4, 1901, deceased June 6, 1943, aged 41 years, 11 months and 28 days. He was a son of Harrison and Eva Puckett. Father and sister preceded him in death and gone to their reward and waited and joined Dee June 6. Dee joined the United Baptist Church Sept. 10, 1927 and lived faithful and true to the order of the church. He was crippled in a coal bank while getting a load of coal for dear old Grandpa, and never walked any more. But today he isn't paralyzed but under the altar of God clothed in a white robe waiting to get his body that won't be crippled.

Written by broken-hearted wife and children.

PREAMBLE AND CONSTITUTION

From a long series of experiences we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon our profession of faith in Jesus Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches, in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us, and preserve, maintain and keep the rules and orders of

an association, according to the following plan or form of government:

Art. 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches, and duly sent to represent in the Association who shall be members whom they think best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their full fellowship, their baptized, restored, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and dead, since the last Association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on the internal rights of any church in the union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of members present.

Art. 6. New churches shall be admitted into our union, who shall petition by letter and delegate, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any church to the Association, being first debated in their own church, shall be taken up by the Association.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish

the churches with minutes of the Association.

Art. 11. The churches shall send money by the delegates of each church to pay for printing the minutes of the Association.

Art. 12. There shall be a record book kept wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed for that purpose.

Art. 13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rises.

Art. 14. Amendments to this form or plan of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Union when they deem it necessary.

Art. 15. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by the will of the majority, except receiving new churches and corresponding with other Associations, which shall be done by an unanimous vote.

Art. 16. The Association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general union of the churches; 2. To preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches; 3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4. To inquire into the cause why the churches fail at any time to represent themselves at the Association; 5. To appoint any member or members by and with their consent to transact any business which they may think necessary; 6. To withdraw from any church in the union who shall violate the rules of the association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; 7. To admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat with us in the Association; 8. To adjourn to any future time and place most convenient to the church or union; 9. No minister shall be ordained unless forwarded by a church, and it shall require two or more Ordained Ministers to compose a presbytery for that purpose.

RULES OF DECORUM

Art. 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Art. 2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one member shall speak at the same time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech, except by the Moderator, till he is done speaking, and shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who has spoken before him or make any remarks on his slips and failures and imperfections, but shall verily state the cause and matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey his light and idea.

Art. 5. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on the same subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of same, nor whisper in time of public speech.

Art. 8. No member of the Association shall address another by any title or appellation other than that of brother.

Art. 9. The Moderator shall not interrupt a member till he gives his idea upon the subject, except he breaks the rules of decorum.

Art. 10. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

Art. 11. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair

be filled, but shall have no voice unless the Association be evenly divided.

Art. 12. Any member who shall willfully and knowingly break any of the rules shall be reprov'd by the Association as it may think proper.

Art. 13. But three members shall take a seat in the Association from each church.

Art. 14. The rules of decorum shall be read by the clerk at the commencement of every association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

We, the churches of Jesus Christ of United Baptists, are constituted on the following faith, viz:

Art. 1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Creator of the heaven and earth and all things therein contained.

Art. 2. We believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, who is Head and King of His church.

Art. 3. We believe in the Holy Ghost, the Sealer and Applier of the redemption purchased by Christ.

Art. 4. We believe in the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

Art. 5. We believe in the scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the infallible word of God, take it for our only rule of faith and practice, and nothing is to be added or taken from it.

Art. 6. We believe in the free atonement of Jesus Christ and that He tasted death for every man and woman upon the terms of the gospel.

Art. 7. We believe that repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are necessary previous to baptism and that immersion is the only right way to administer the ordinance.

Art. 8. We believe that Christ has but one true gospel church and that it will finally persevere through grace to glory.

Art. 9. We believe in the communion of the Lord's Supper, that is, the taking of the bread and wine by the church of Jesus Christ in commemoration of the death and suffering of the Son of God until His second coming.

Art. 10. We believe that feet washing is an ordinance of Jesus Christ and ought to be observed and kept up by His church until His Second coming.

Art. 11. We believe in the sum of the moral law as it stands on record in the Book of Exodus.

Art. 12. We believe that Jesus Christ is the first resurrection from the dead and that He lives forever.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the just and unjust.

Art. 14. We believe in the final punishment of the wicked and the eternal happiness of the righteous.

NAMES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS AND POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES

Elder B. W. Craft.....	Water Gap, Ky.
Elder Wm. Hall.....	Water Gap, Ky.
Elder T. J. Smith.....	Garrett, Ky.
Elder R. D. Holbrook.....	Myrtle, Ky.
Elder Alex Stephens.....	West Prestonsburg, Ky.
Elder A. B. Dixon.....	Water Gap, Ky.
Elder Andy Stephens.....	Water Gap, Ky.
Elder Frank McGuire.....	Jeffersonville, Ky.
Elder Harris Hackworth.....	Bonanza, Ky.
Elder F. F. Smith.....	Jeffersonville, Ky.
Elder John D. Music.....	East Point, Ky.
Elder Paris Music.....	Auxier, Ky.
Elder W. K. Bayes.....	Emma, Ky.
Elder S. J. Johnson.....	Auxier, Ky.
Elder Ollie Walters.....	Jeffersonville, Ky.
Elder Ernest Ward.....	Garrett, Ky.
Elder S. G. Rice.....	Banner, Ky.
Elder Johnie King.....	Harold, Ky.

